[Mr. C. Jebamony Nadar.]

(*c*) whether English is the language in which correspondence is being carried on between the Municipal Councils and the Government; and

(*d*) whether literacy in English is a necessary qualification for any Municipal President?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The provision is contained in Section 28 of the Municipal Act;

(*c*) Often in English, but sometimes in Malayalam;

(*d*) No.

Duty on Jaffna tobacco.

294. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reasons for the enhancement of duty on Jaffna tobacco imported into the State, from Rs. 135 to Rs. 200;

(*b*) whether the order enhancing the duty has been cancelled or modified to any extent, by Government, recently and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for the same?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) Mainly for purposes of Revenue.

(*b*) No, but a conditional rebate has been sanctioned as stated in the Press Communique dated 11th July 1940.

(*c*) As a temporary relief in view of the present condition of the trade.

Churches and Church sheds without licence.

295. ***MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the manager of schools, Rev. Father Mar Ivanios, the Archbishop of Trivandrum, is conducting churches and church sheds, without licence throughout Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum taluks;

(*b*) whether they or the Trivandrum Division Peishkar received complaints from the public; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the number of such complaints?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) No such instance has come to notice.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*) above.

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